

Construction Projects Undertaken under Laurie Baker Technology

3480. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH HOODA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of housing and other projects undertaken so far under the Laurie Baker technology;

(b) whether the Government propose to extend assistance to the States to apply the technology for their projects; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c). A number of housing and institutional building projects in various states particularly Andhra Pradesh Kerala, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu are reported to be utilising Laurie Baker low energy appropriate Technology of construction. These are planned, designed and built primarily by Laurie Baker and also trained professionals in Building Centres practising architects and engineers.

The actual number of such projects are not available. The technology of Laurie Baker is spread through the centrally sponsored National Network of Building Centres in the country. A Building Centre has also been set up at Ekta Vihar in Delhi known as "Laurie Baker Building Centre" that imparts training and demonstrates the Building technology of Laurie Baker.

Cattle Markets of Maharashtra

3481. SHRI RAM NAIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that the draft Report on Regulated Cattle

Markets of Maharashtra is pending for years with the Ministry of Agriculture, Department of Rural Development, Directorate of Marketing and Inspection, Faridabad;

(b) if so, since when; and

(c) the probable date by which the Report is likely to be published and made available to the public?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL): (a) to (c). Study on regulated cattle markets of Maharashtra was under-taken by the Directorate of Marketing and Inspection as part of its research programme. The study involved survey of cattle markets in Maharashtra for the collection of primary data. Besides, it required literature survey. The data was compiled, processed and analysed and the preliminary draft became available in the year 1986-87. The preliminary draft was reviewed and found to be lacking in certain respects. It was, therefore, decided to carry out a further study for inclusion of additional information and updating of the data. The final report is now available and is being circulated to all concerned.

Constitutional Amendments

3482. SHRIMATI BASAVA RAJESWARI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether All India Council of Mayors meeting was held in Bangalore to discuss the proposal of 72 and 73 Constitutional Amendments:

(b) if so, the suggestions made in the conference;

(c) whether the Government have examined these suggestions; and

(d) if so, the action taken thereon?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A Statement is enclosed.

(c) and (d). The 72nd and 73rd Constitution (Amendment) Bills were introduced in the Parliament in the year 1991. Both the Bills are now under consideration of separate Joint Committees of the Parliament. The all India Council of Mayors has informed that after consideration of the matter at Bangalore, on the 11th Feb. 1992, the Council has given a fresh memorandum to the conference Joint Committee of the Parliament. Further action by the Government will be on the basis of the recommendations of the Joint Committee and discussions on the Bill in the Parliament.

STATEMENT

Broadly the following suggestions have been made by the all India Council of Mayors.

1. (a) No Panchayat/Municipality should be dissolved before expiry of five years.
- (b) The grounds for supersession should be only grave financial irregularities and before superseding the local Body, show cause notice be given and Judicial be conducted to file charges levelled.

2. Insertion of a new Article in the Constitution specifying the exclusive financial resources for local Bodies.

3. The determination of taxes, duties tolls and fees which may be assigned to or

appropriated by the Panchayat/Municipality should not be left to be decided by the State Finance Commission to be set up under Article 243 I of the Constitution and the same should be specified in the Constitution itself otherwise it may lead to further disparities uncertainties and difficulties.

4. The provision relating to Constitution and composition of Committees at Ward Level or other levels within a territorial area of a Municipality may be deleted as such provision has not been tried in any city till now and formation of such Committees may lead many to problems such as allocation of powers, duties and responsibilities among Councillors and members of the Ward, Committees and Chairman of such Committees and also problem of coordination amend such Committees.

5. A new Article may be incorporated in the Constitution to empower Parliament to pass Model corporation Act, Model Municipalities Act and Model Panchayats Act for regulating the Constitution and administration of these Local Bodies.

6. The provisions relating to continuance of existing laws inconsistent with the Amendment Act until the expiration of the largest duration of any expiration Panchayat/Municipality at any level may be deleted.

Expansion of KRIBHCO

3483. **SHRI S.B. SIDNAL:** Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to expand KRIBHCO (Krishak Bharati Co-op. Ltd);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the net profit earned by KRIBHCO during 1989-90 and 1990-91,